

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY AND PLANT QUARANTINERESTRICTIONS OF JAPANESE BEETLE QUARANTINE ON CUT FLOWERS,  
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES DISCONTINUED FOR THE SEASON

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine by § 301.48-4 (a) of the regulations supplemental to the Japanese beetle quarantine (7 CFR § 301.48-1 et seq., 13 F.R. 2250), the dates have been determined beyond which shipping restrictions imposed by Administrative Instructions B. E. P. Q. 570, effective June 7, 1948 (7 CFR 301.48-4a; 13 F.R. 3071) are no longer necessary for this year. Administrative instructions to appear as § 301.48-4b in Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, are hereby issued as follows:

§ 301.48-4b Administrative instructions designating terminating dates of seasonal regulations of cut flowers, fruits and vegetables. It is hereby ordered that for the 1948 season the application of the requirements of §§ 301.48-4 (a) and 301.48-5 of the Japanese beetle regulations (7 CFR §§ 301.48-4 (a) and 301.48-5; 13 F.R. 2250) to unprocessed fresh, cut flowers when moved in bulk, and fresh fruits and vegetables of all kinds when shipped by refrigerator car or motortruck only, shall terminate on the following dates:

- (a) For fruits and vegetables, except green ear corn, at the close of August 26, 1948.
- (b) For green ear corn, at the close of September 17, 1948.
- (c) For cut flowers, at the close of September 30, 1948.

Under the provisions of the Japanese beetle quarantine and supplemental regulations (13 F.R. 2250), the interstate movement of fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers from the infested areas is restricted. It is essential to relieve these restrictions at the earliest moment consistent with safety, in order to permit movement of these articles without certification or treatment. Safety requires that this relief shall be applied progressively, dependent upon the time of cessation of heavy flight of the beetles and upon the susceptibility of the commodity involved to continued infestation. Such factors are unpredictable within narrow time limits. However, heavy flight of the beetles is now rapidly diminishing and its cessation is imminent. Experience demonstrates that the restrictions of the quarantine and supplemental regulations with respect to fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers may safely be withdrawn on the dates indicated above. For the reasons stated, it is found upon good cause, pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act (60 Stat. 238), that notice and public procedure on this order are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest, and good cause is found for issuing the order effective less than thirty days after publication.

(Sec. 8, 37 Stat. 318, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 161)

Done at Washington, D. C., this 23rd day of August 1948.

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